











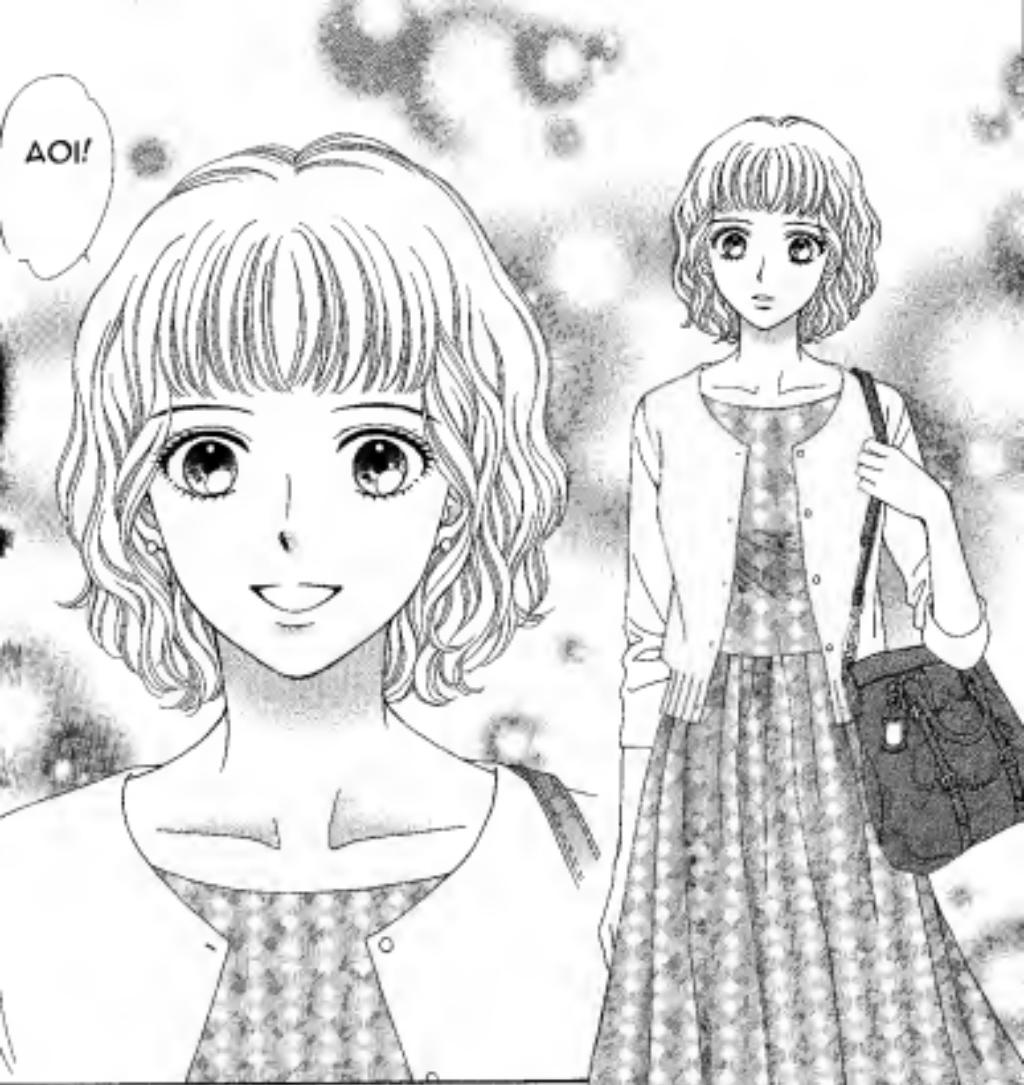
SHE USUALLY STARTS CONVER-SA-TIONS WITH HIM. THAT'S WHAT THE GIRLS IN CLASS A WERE SAYING.

WOOOW!









IT ENDED EARLY
SO I THOUGHT
TO TRY TO STOP
BY. I ALSO SAID
HI TO SUJOU-
SENSEI.

OH,
BUT DON'T
YOU HAVE
A MEETING
WITH THE
PUBLISHER
TODAY?

I
WAS
IN
TOKYO
TODAY
SO I
DIDN'T
EMAIL
YOU

WHAT'S
NOT
WHY
DID YOU
COME TO
THE
SCHOOL?

MEANING,
SHE'S MEKO-
SAN, MY
SISTER'S
GOOD
FRIEND.

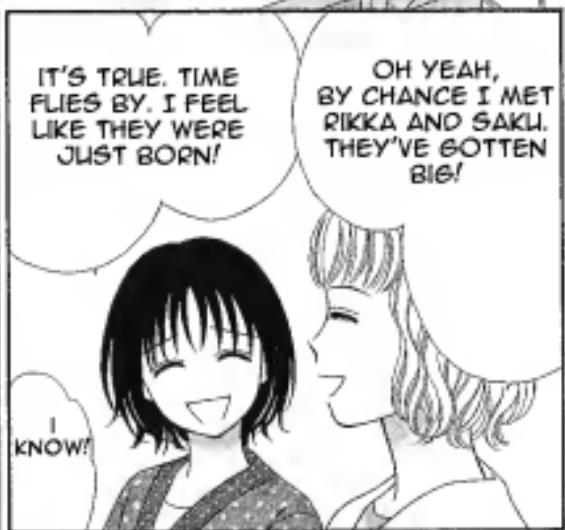
SHE'S
AOKI-
KUN'S
MOM.

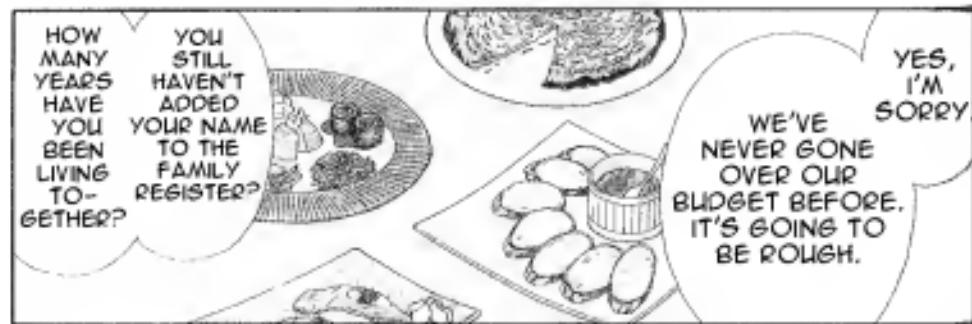
SHI'S
LOVELY
AOKI-KUN
LOOKS
JUST LIKE
HER











FOR NOW, WE'RE FINE WITH JUST LIVING TOGETHER.

NEITHER OF US WERE THAT INTERESTED IN HAVING A CEREMONY.

THEY'RE NICE KIDS, SO I FEEL SATISFIED.

BUT DON'T I HAVE RIKKA AND SAKU?

... YEAH. BUT IF YOU GO ON LIKE THAT, WON'T YOU NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE KIDS?

IT HAPPENED TO ME FASTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD. OH! THAT'S RIGHT. I'M SO JEALOUS LOUIS!

BECAUSE IT'S JUST US TWO, IF WE HAVE VACATION TIME WE CAN EASILY GET UP AND GO ANYWHERE.

AND ALSO, THE LIFE OF JUST TWO PEOPLE IS ENJOYABLE.

I WAS AN AUNT TO THOSE KIDS WHEN WE WERE LIVING TOGETHER, AND BECAUSE I REALLY CARED FOR THEM, I FEEL LIKE I'VE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF RAISING KIDS.

BECAUSE I HAD AOI THE "JUST US TWO" PERIOD WAS BRIEF.

I SEE.

BECAUSE
AOI CAME
HERE ISN'T
IT JUST YOU
TWO IN
HIROSHIMA?

YOU
CAN
RIGHT
NOW.

I
WANTED
TO ENJOY
OUR ALONE
TIME A
LITTLE
LONGER...

LIVING
APART
IS
LONELY
...

THAT'S TRUE,
BUT UP TO NOW
I'D GOTTEN USED
TO HAVING
HIM AROUND.

THAT'S
RIGHT!

IT'S
BEEN A WHILE
SINCE YOU'VE
SEEN US,
SO KEEP
US COMPANY
JUST A
LITTLE WHILE
LONGER!

WAIT
A
MINUTE!
WE'VE
ONLY
JUST
STARTED
TO
DRINK!

I KIND OF...
WANT TO SEE
AOI. MAYBE IT'S
TIME I WENT
HOME.







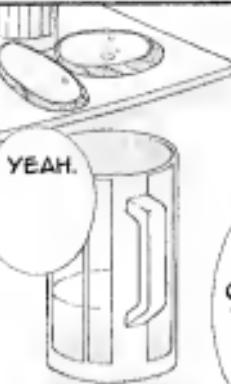
DID
ARIMI-
SAN
LEAVE
YOU!?

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN BY
THAT?

ARE
YOU
LIVING
APART!?

HUH?

I
HAVEN'T
SEEN
HER
SO
I
DON'T
KNOW.



ARIMI
IS
SERVING
IN
LONDON
FOR
THREE
YEARS.
I WAS
HAPPY
WHEN
SHE WAS
CHOSEN
FOR THE
POSITION,
BUT...

I DON'T
WANT TO
GO WITH
HER.

SO THE
COMPANY
HEADQUARTERS
ARE IN LONDON!
INCREDIBLE!
THAT'S
JUST LIKE OUR
ARIMI-SAN!

WHAT
WAS
THAT
ALL
ABOUT?
DON'T
SCARE
ME LIKE THAT!





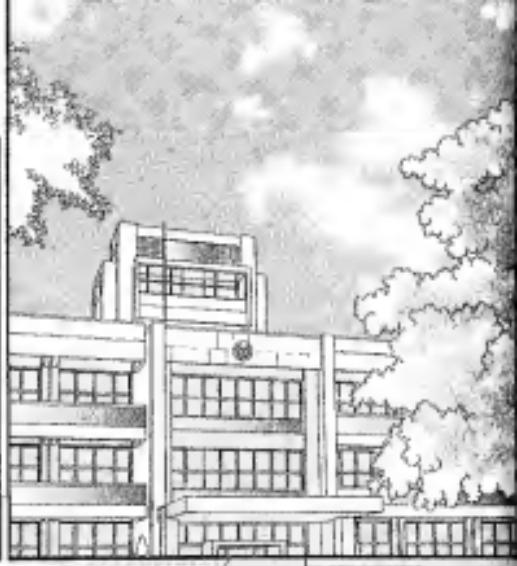




I'LL
MAKE
SURE TO
SEE HER
THEN,
AND
DISCUSS
THIS WITH HER
PROPERLY.

I
ABSOL-
UTELY
DON'T
WANT
TO GET
DIVORCED.

IF IT
GOES AS
PLANNED,
SHE'LL
COME
HOME
THIS
YEAR.





OH, SAKU
...



NOT
EVEN
ONCE.

I
HAVE
NEVER
THOUGHT
OF YOU
AS A
SIBLING.